



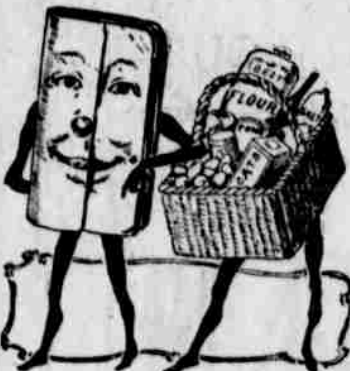
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**How Major Veil Acting on Impulse
Escaped a Tragic Death.**

The following story is related by Major C. H. Veil and printed in the Wellborn (Pa.) Agitator. As Major Veil is well known in Arizona and the story is said to be historically correct by those who have read it, it is reproduced as one of the early incidents of this territory before the reign of the Apaches gave way to civilization.

It was early in the '70s when Major Veil and his partner secured contracts to supply flour, hay and grain to all the military posts in northern Arizona. The importance of these contracts may be known when it is stated that flour was worth \$10 per 100 pounds or \$20 a barrel at the mill, with cost of transportation to the different posts added; corn or barley sold for \$5.40 to \$10 per 100 pounds, and hay (wild), from \$35 to \$60 per ton—all payable in gold coin. In those times hay was cut with a hoe, wood with a crowbar, wheat to make the flour was bought of Indians, and beans grew on trees. This may seem somewhat ambiguous, but no more so than the fact that we caught fish with pitchforks and took dogs to round and gather them up; in fact, we occasionally caught fish in the ditches in the grain fields.

Fort Verde, one of the posts referred to, was situated on the Verde river about fifty-five miles northeast of Prescott. The government had erected a saw mill near the summit of the mountain range at the point where the road from Prescott to Verde crossed, and had a detail of twenty-five or thirty men stationed there to protect the property. The mill was operated for cutting the lumber used in the building of the posts.

During the year 1872 Major Veil had occasion to visit the post on business connected with the supply of forage. Lieutenant Rheem, of the Thirty-third U. S. Infantry stationed in Prescott, or rather Fort Whipple, also desired to visit some friends of his at Verde, and concluded to accompany the major. Leaving Prescott early in the morning, the custom had been to drive to the saw mill, feed and rest there until after dark, and then drive on through, as

that was considered the most dangerous part of the route.

Soon after leaving Prescott a courier cowboy was met, coming in great haste, who informed them that the Indians had that morning attacked what was known as Bowers Brothers' Agua Fria ranch; that they had killed several of the cowboys and had stolen all the stock, and that the boys were skimming with the Indians when he left, and that he was on his way to notify the military commander at Fort Whipple that he might send troops in pursuit.

Bowers' ranch was situated in the Agua Fria valley, eighteen miles from Prescott and on the route to Verde. The ranch had been located by Colonel King Wesley, one of the earliest pioneers in the territory. A large stone house with stone walls enclosing the corral or stables had been built. The property afterwards was bought by the Bowers Brothers, who had emigrated to California in the early days and afterwards came down into Arizona, bringing some stock with them and engaging in the stock business. In fact they were the first settlers to introduce that industry in that portion of the territory.

Lieutenant Rheem was anxious to give up his proposed trip and wanted to return to Prescott, but as the major's business was pressing and the lieutenant was in his company, he concluded to proceed, arguing that it would be safer to proceed at that time than later on; that the Indians would be engaged in trying to escape with the stock they had stolen and would not be apt to be on the lookout for travelers on the road. In passing by the ranch where the attack had been made, the action between the cowboys and Indians could be seen up the mountain. The Indians were still holding on to the cattle, but the cowboys were pressing them so closely that they had to fight and could not make much headway with their stolen stock. The troops afterwards overtook and recaptured the stock.

The raw mill was reached in safety. There the beef contractor for Camp Verde was found with a lot of herders, also on his way to the post. A sergeant belonging to one of the companies, who had been to Prescott on a furlough and was then returning to the post, was also in the party. After dark the major concluded to proceed, but his friend Rheem, the beef contractor and all the others protested, saying that the party was simply strong to care for itself and they would wait until morning and then proceed together. But the major was persistent. He said the Indians known to be in the vicinity would have an opportunity to get into an ambush by the next morning and that the safest way was to proceed. He went under cover of darkness, and he did so, arriving safely at the post; but from the action of his horses he knew Indians were on the line of this route. The horses were much frightened and it was with difficulty that he retained control of them. By the way, the drive was made in such haste that one of the horses fell dead within five minutes after their arrival at the post.

The next morning about 5 o'clock one of the beef contractor's cowboys arrived at the post reporting the Indians had attacked the party; that the sergeant and another man had been killed; that the beef contractor and one or two of the others were wounded, and that he had run the gauntlet and got through himself by a mere chance. The commanding officer at Camp Verde at once ordered a company of cavalry to proceed to the point indicated to render assistance. They did so at a gallop and found the parties as reported, but the Indians had taken to the mountains. They were able to overlook the country for a long distance and when they saw the reinforcements convening they "vanished."

The major always considered that his better judgment or knowledge of the Indians, kept him out of "that scrape."

NO COBRE GRANDE CHANGE

A Prompt Denial by General Manager Mitchell.

On August 11 the Gazette published an article under the head of "Change of Managers of Cobre Grande." In the course of which the following statement was made:

"For some time W. C. Greene has had practically the control of the property, through the manager, George Mitchell. Less than a month ago the stockholders went to the mine and personally inspected the system under which it was operated. They came away dissatisfied with the result of their observations, and shortly afterwards steps were taken to curb the liberty allowed Mr. Greene. To make the matter more effective Mr. Mitchell's resignation was requested. When it came a telegram was sent to California asking the manager of a large smelter at Kewick to come and fill the vacant position. The California man has been in charge of the mine for the past two weeks, and is shaping his policy in accordance with the wishes of the shareholders. For what reason Mr. Mitchell has not proved satisfactory no one is

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willing to give out. The change was made over two weeks ago, and since it took place an effort has been made to keep it secret. Whether or not the shake-up is the result of differences between Mr. Greene and the shareholders cannot be learned. The change will undoubtedly have some bearing on the future operation of the mine. It at least indicates an antagonistic feeling among those most deeply interested in the property.

Denials of the story were made from various authoritative sources and one from the New York headquarters of the company.

The following was received at this office yesterday from General Manager Mitchell himself, dated La Cananea, August 11:

"Herewith I beg to enclose a clipping from the 'Arizona Gazette' in its issue of the 11th inst., referring to a 'change in managers of Cobre Grande.' Inasmuch as this article is false in every respect I take the liberty of requesting that you publish a correction of the points contained therein.

"In the first place the article states that the stockholders, after an inspection of affairs here at the mine, were extremely dissatisfied and steps were taken to curb Mr. Greene's authority, and that to make the matter more effective his resignation was requested. The article further states that a gentleman from Kewick in California had come here to fill the vacant position. 'In answer to the above I will say that the stockholders after their inspection of the property here and the system of operation were very enthusiastic in their praise of everyone concerned in its management, and individually and officially endorsed Mr. Greene's management as well as my own. The gentleman for whom I sent to Kewick is a thorough smelter man and has been appointed to the supervisory of the smelter in order to relieve me of the necessity of continual personal supervision.

"The policies inaugurated by this company will be continued, and judging by the success already achieved, we can hopefully look forward to a prolongation of the present cordial and friendly relations existing between the management and the shareholders, as well as amongst the different officials themselves.

"While I realize that the publication of the article referred to will probably have no influence, at the same time I deem it in order to render a prompt denial."

AN EARLY DAY EPISODE

Recalled by the Destruction of the Reddington Postoffice.

The destruction by a flood of the Reddington postoffice several days ago, which was chronicled in this paper last week, recalls some incidents which happened in the early '70s. At that time this ranch house was made the headquarters of the notorious Red Jack gang, who held up stages and trains so often that all count of the number has been lost. The ranch was admirably situated for such work, being about 125 miles above Florence on the San Pedro river.

The Reddingtons, owners of the ranch, also owned cattle and a range there, and seemed to be prospering exceptionally. They were not suspected of being implicated in any way with the hold-ups until after the events chronicled below.

The stage between Florence and Globe had been held up so often and Wells Fargo & Co. had lost so much that they brought a special messenger from the north. The man was noted for being a crack shot and entirely fearless. He had forestalled many attempted robberies and had been the chief instrument in abruptly ending the career of a number of bad men who had attempted to enrich themselves at Wells Fargo & Co.'s expense. He had been on about a week when Red Jack was seen in Florence. On that day the treasure box contained \$25,000 for the miners at Globe. Red Jack saw it put on the stage and he himself took passage to Riverdale, where he got off. It seems that neither the messenger nor the driver recognized him. Red Jack circled out around the stage road by a trail which he knew, and gathered his gang and

together they laid in ambush ahead of the stage. When the stage came along without any command or word of warning they fired and killed the two wheel-horses and both the messenger and the driver. The messenger's head was blown off by a charge of buckshot. They then made off with the booty. As soon as the news was received in Florence a posse was organized and the outlaws trailed to the Reddington house, where a U. S. mail pouch and other booty was found. The saddle-horses belonging to the ranch were jaded from a long, hard ride and a stage horse was found, which had been taken a short distance up a canyon near the house and killed. This evidence convinced the posse that they had found the guilty parties, and so they took the men on the ranch, Hank Reddington, Joe Tuttle and Frank Carpenter, a nephew of Reddington, to Florence and placed them in jail. Tuttle was well known in Florence, where he had been in the saloon business several years before. He had many friends there and was not considered a bad man, but he had been living with the Reddingtons, and the fact that they had made so much money in a very short time added to the other circumstances just related, convinced the citizens that they had found the headquarters of the gang, and the men were members of it. A mob was formed and all three prisoners lined up in the hallway of the jail. Reddington and Tuttle were hanged to the rafters. The vengeance of the mob seemed to be satisfied with taking the lives of these two men and so Carpenter was turned loose. He went back to the ranch, but the strain on his nerves had been too much, and he died within a week with all the appearances of having starved to death.

Red Jack was not captured at the Reddington house, but a posse was out on his trail. They found that he had been coming to a teamster's camp for food, and so they laid in wait for him and shot him as he came up. Although desperately wounded he nearly escaped, but was pursued and killed, and his body taken to Tucson. This totally annihilated the Red Jack gang.

A & N. M. EXTENSION

Company Organized to Build From Lordsburg to Hachita.

A company was organized last week at Lordsburg for the purpose of building a railroad from Lordsburg to Hachita, New Mexico, for the purpose of forming a connection between the Arizona and New Mexico railroad and the El Paso and Southern, now being rapidly constructed between Deming, New Mexico, and El Paso, Arizona. The Copper Era says the road was surveyed some months ago, and Superintendent Simmons of the Arizona and New Mexico is now in east Texas contracting for the line. Construction work will be commenced at once, or at least within the very near future. The road will be a standard gauge, with seventy-five pound rails, ballasted with slag from the copper smelters at Clifton, and built in a first class manner in all particulars. The road is capitalized at \$500,000. The officers are James Colquhoun, president; M. J. Egan, vice president; H. J. Simmons, secretary and treasurer. These three, with D. H. Kedzie and J. A. Leahy, form the board of directors. The building of this road will give Clifton and Morenci, as well as Lordsburg, a new line to El Paso via the head, where it will connect with the Santa Fe system. It is expected that the El Paso Southern will be completed to Deming and in operation soon after the first of the year. The main line of the road to El Paso, which will pass about twenty miles south of Deming, will doubtless not be completed before the latter part of next year, as it will pass through very rough country. When the main line shall have been completed this section will then have three outlets to El Paso, which will be of great advantage in many ways.

CHICAGO FAMILIES MIGRATE.

Start for Mobile in Small Steamboat to Settle on Fish River.

Chicago, Aug. 18.—In a small steamboat, built expressly for the purpose, eight Chicago families, numbering twenty-four persons, have embarked on a journey to Mobile, Ala., where they will settle on a tract of land near the Fish river.

The steamboat will go through the canal to La Salle and then into the Illinois river. At Peoria it will take on a pilot who will guide it down the Illinois and Mississippi rivers. It will go out the South Pass of the Mississippi through the Eads jetty, and will go through Lake Pontchartrain, the connecting inland waterway, to Mobile. It will be used as a freight and passenger steamboat on the Fish river.

FARMERS' MEETING.

At the Court House, August 24th, at 10 a. m.

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